

Food Processing

The food manufacturing industry (NAICS 311) includes establishments that transform livestock and agricultural products into products for intermediate or final consumption. The food products manufactured in these establishments are typically sold to wholesalers or retailers for distribution to consumers, although some establishments such as bakeries or confectioners may make direct sales to customers. This category includes some liquids, such as milk products and fruit juices.



Texas Industry Totals

Firms	1,779
Employment	85,311
Average Annual Wage	\$39,936
Total Capital Investments	\$635.7 million
Value Added Per Employee	\$184,233
Value of Shipments	\$43 billion

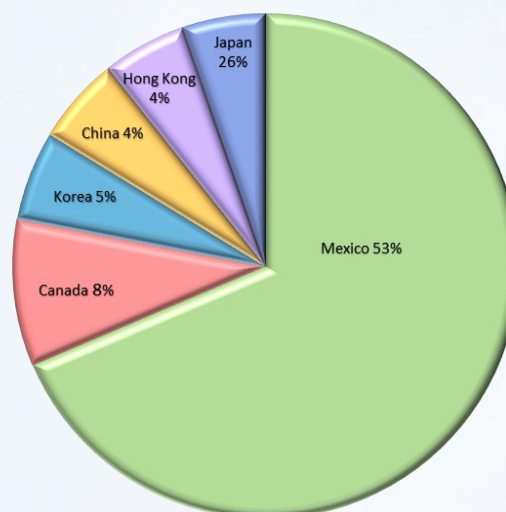
How Texas Ranks in the U.S.

All Employees	No. 2
Production Workers	No. 2
Value Added	No. 3
Value of Shipments	No. 2
Total Capital Investments	No. 7

Texas Exports

- Texas processed food exports in 2014 were valued at \$5.9 billion – up 7.02% from 2013.
- In 2014, processed food was Texas' 10th largest export sector.
- Top food commodities shipped from Texas ports include poultry, pork, and other meat products.

Top Export Markets



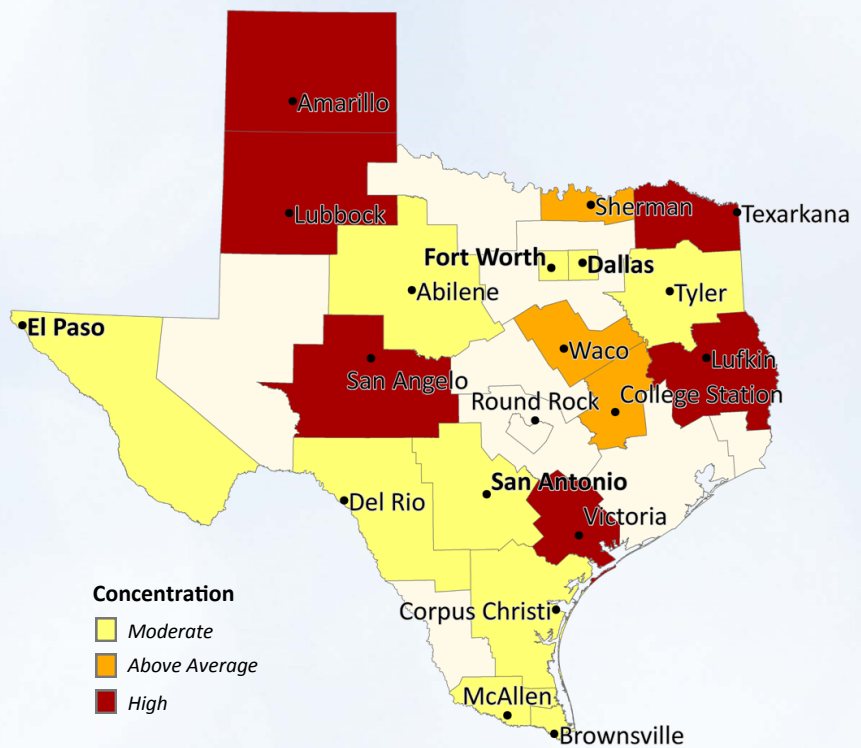
Sources: Texas Workforce Commission, U.S. Census Annual Survey of Manufactures, WISERTrade, Texas Manufacturers Register

Major Industry Employers in Texas

Company	Location(s)	Products
JBS Swift & Co. (Incl. Pilgrim's Pride)	Cactus, Titus, etc.	Meat & poultry processing
Tyson Foods	Amarillo, etc.	Meat processing and packing, packaged soups
Frito-Lay	Plano, etc.	Snack foods
Cargill Meat Solutions	Friona, Fort Worth	Beef processing
Sanderson Farms	Bryan, Waco	Poultry processing

Regional Concentrations

The map at right identifies the state's Workforce Development regions with above-average specializations in food manufacturing. The highlighted regions are not the only areas in Texas where workers in this sector can be found, but rather represent areas with the greatest concentrations relative to the size of the local labor force. This industry is broadly distributed throughout the state.



Recent Industry Trends

- Texas food processing industry employment increased by 2.5% between Q3 2013 and Q3 2014.
- In October 2014, Siro Group USA, a subsidiary of Spanish food giant Grupo Siro, received an \$800,000 Texas Enterprise Fund award to build a food manufacturing plant in Seguin that will employ over 200.
- In 2014, Mississippi-based chicken processor Sanderson Farms continued construction on its new \$124 million poultry complex in the Palestine, Texas region. The company is building a feed mill, hatchery, and processing plant at multiple area sites. The plant is expected to employ 1,000 when operational in 2015.